(a) what were the total value of electronic goods manufactured in the country from January 1, 1987 till November 30, 1989;

(b) what were the corresponding figures of value of these goods during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) the names of foreign countries which have been allowed participation in Indian ventures for production of electronic goods alongwith the broad terms of their collaboration agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The value of electronic goods manufactured in the country during the period January 1, 1987 till November 30, 1989 is about *Rs. 18,320* crores.

(b)

year	value (Rs. crore)
1984-85	2081
1985-86	2880

(c) During the last three years, foreign collaborations have been approved with USA, UK, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Italy, France, Switzerland, Australia, Netherlands, Canada, Singapore, South Korea, Tiawan etc. These collaborations are broadly in the nature of Technical know-how, financial participation, Design and Drawing and Training of personnel etc. All the foreign collaborations approved in the Electronics sector are within the normal policy framework applicable to all sectors of Industry. Foreign equity holdings upto 40 per cent only has been allowed in all areas of electronics except in the case of 100 per cent. Export Oriented Units and units in the Export Processinig Zones.

Meetings of Courts and Executive Councils of Central Universities

118. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of meetings of the Court, Executive Council and Academiic Council of Central Universities held during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Visits of Chairman of UGC and VCS of Central Universities

114. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 12 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the number of visits paid to foreign countries by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission during the last three years and by the Vice Chancellors of Central Universities after 2nd November, 1988 till date alongwith the purpose of these visits and the names of the countries visited;

(b) the total amount of money spent on these visits; and

(c) the period spent on the visits by the Chairman of University Grants Commission and Vice Chancellors of Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Publication of Urdu Encyclopaedia

115. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first volume of Urdu Encyclopaedia has not been published so far;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the publication of the first and subsequent volumes of the said Encyclopaedia;

(c) what action Government propose to take to expedite publication of the Encyclopaedia; and

(d) by when the first volume would be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Urdu Encyclopaedia is being prepared in 12 volumes and is, a highly laborious task. The principal reasons for the time taken in its publication have been: Calligraphy of the textual material which has to be manually and artistically done; insertion of charts and diagrams in the calligraphed material; identification and engagement of appropriate consultants; the rates of payments for calligraphers were very low; and ban on creation of posts.

(c) and (d) To speed up the work, more calligraphers have been engaged and their rates improved. Besides a composite Urdu computer/phototype setting machine has been imported to speed up publication of Urdu Encyclopaedia. By the very nature of the work involved, production of the Encyclopaedia is a time consuming work and it may not be realistic to indicate a rigid time-frame. However, every effort is being made to bring out the first volume as early as possible.

Water pollution near Rourkela Steel Plant in Orissa

116. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rourkela Steel Plant in Orissa is causing a lot of water pollution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the water of the river Brahmani flowing near the plant is being polluted due to the chemical wastage discharged into it by Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(c) if so, what are the details of steps taken by Government to save the river water from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A considerable amount of pollution is caused by the Steel Plant.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Water-quality criteria have been evolved for the river for its best designated use.

(ii) Minimal National Standards have been prescribed for major categories of water-polluting industries including steel. Standards have also been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(iii) Industries including the Rourkela Steel Plant and the municipality of the civil township of Rourkela have been directed to treat their effluents to prescribed standards and their compliance is regularly checked by the Orissa State Pollution Control Board.

(iv) The industries including the Rourkela Steel Plant have been given a time-bound programme of implementation of pollution control measures including installation of effluent treatment plants.

(v) Regular monitoring of water quality of the River Brahmani is being done under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme.

(vi) The Rourkela Steel Plant has provided separate channels with treatment plant to control water pollution.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plants in Orissa

117. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Atomic Power Plants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the sites selected for the purpose;

(c) what are the other places in the country where Atomic Power Plants are proposed to be set up; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND